	Activities and Engaging Readers Guide
	Book Title: Lotus and Feather by Ji-li Jiang
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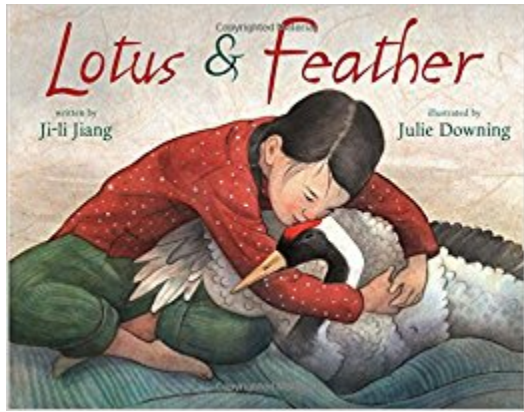
Lotus and Feather
by Ji-li Jiang
Illustrated by Julie Downing

Engaging Readers:

Explore human attitudes about animals across cultures. Picture books like *Lotus & Feather* by Ji-li Jang and *Tenzin's Deer* by Barbara Soros are great launching points. Have students dig into research to look at the role of animals in the development of our history culture and how it compares and contrasts with the role animals play in Chinese history and culture. Ask them to use what they learn to create a piece of art or writing to help advance animal welfare around the world.

Community Connection:

Many children feel the need to help or protect animals. Get them reading, thinking, and talking about the animals, people, and places they care about and want to help. Take your students on a walking field trip to a park or nearby natural area to observe wildlife. Ask students to identify and write about what they think could be helpful or harmful to the animals and their environment. Ask a local naturalist or park ranger to review and discuss their ideas and share some examples of what students could do to help.



Ready Resources:

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